

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2023

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Massif des Bauges UNESCO Global Geopark, France, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2011 / 2023



Figure a geological tarpaulin



Figure b : Chantemerle Marthod viewpoint

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 28 staffs including 1 geoscientist(s)

Number of visitors: no global counting

Geopark's cultural heritage house (4977), House of the Parc, Welcome Center)(3026)

Geopartners : Bell's Museum (13280), Lac d'Annecy Ecomuseum (8046), Wine and Vineyard Museum (2620), Faverges Archeological Museum (1120), Faverges Dungeon (4700), Combe de Savoie Ecomuseum (8559), Fort de Tamié (66 500).

Number of Geopark events: 50

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:

10 trips per year (around 80 young people)

. 78 primary classes and 58 secondary classes (around 3,400 pupils)

. 12 eco-volunteers per year, raising awareness among an average of 4,000 people.

Number of Geopark press release:

- Facebook Page with 12 100 followers in 2024 (3900 followers in 2015 and 5539 in early 2019). 193 publications in 2023 concerning directly the UGG activity. <https://www.facebook.com/parcdesbauges/>
- Instagram account with 2 800 followers in 2024. 94 publications in 2023 concerning

directly the UGG activity. <https://www.instagram.com/parcdesbauges/>

- Creation of a new periodic newsletter which provides information on the UGG activity. Sent every 3 months to 400 people (local elected members and collaborators), launched in december 2023.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2023

- Master plan on geosites development
- Chantermerle-Marthod – viewpoint, Montbenoit
- Saint Pierre d’Albigny view point)
- Revalidation Mission
- creation of an educational tarpaulin
- production of an educational booklet on the geology of the region
- Drawing up an inventory of water resources and stakeholders
- Support the Petites villes de demain program to revitalize cities and their intercommunalities under 20,000 inhabitants by providing centrality functions for their territory
- Design of the Geopark cake, a synthesis of the Alpine food heritage and the resources of the massif

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation and communication during the GGN conference in Marrakech, 1st price for the second international geopark film festival

Management and Financial Status

- Finalisation of the draft charter and public enquiry
- 2023 budget : 2,513 M€ (F) 0,337€ (I) Total : 2.850 €. Geopark’s members contributions (statutes budget, half) and many different resources (European programmes, State, Region, ...) obtained for specific projects (half)

Geoconservation

- Study on albian fossils, Geophysical survey on Nant des Granges landslide, New seismic station in Mercury
- Geophysical survey on Nant des Granges Landslide

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Development of the cycling greenway

- Deployment of actions within the framework of the Espace Valléen programme, on tourism diversification (4-season mountains) and adaptation to climate change
- Pursuit of "escapes" for the discovery of geopatrimonies through soft mobility (échappées en Bauges) Cycling convergence to promote intermodality and cycle bus services

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

- creation of an educational tarpaulin
- production of an educational booklet on the geology of the region
- Contribution to EGN Geohazard book
- "Sors en montagne, versant Bauges "(facilitating access to the mountains for young people who are not familiar with mountain culture)
- Educational programme (supporting school projects)
- Awareness-raising programme on hiking trails and on the banks of the Chéran (wild river site): Ecovolunteers
- Creation of two or three educational tools per year (night trunk / geology bag)
- Creation of educational trails (forest management / starry skies) Training courses (RePERE, Geopartenaires, Parc'tenaires)
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Strategic partnership

- Coopération with Guinée (with french federation of regional nature parc)
- Cooperation with MGOUN Geoparc (hosting a PhD student)
- Semnoz masterplan with Grand Annecy conurbation
- Chéran Valley (sensitive natural area) master plan with

Promotional activities

- Geopark's touristic map
- Geo-Park program: Activity program from May to October (Renc'arts)
- Science Festival
- International day for disaster risk reduction (October 13th)
- Geodiversity day (October 6th)
- Geology and climbing day at Pierre Debout, Geosite (national geology days)
- EGN Week

- coordination of the presence of 4 Tourist Offices and the Geopark at the Lyon 2023 Hiker's Fair, 15th edition 14,092 visitors

4. CONTACTS

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